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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PAN AM CHANGE OF GAUGE

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1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR ADVISED DEPTOFF STYLES (EB/OA) ON JUNE 23 THAT FRENCH ACCEPTED CONCEPT ADVANCED BY ATWOOD (I.E., PAN AM COULD FLY DURING HALF OF PERIOD BETWEEN MAY 3 AND CONCLUSION OF ARBITRATION). HOWEVER, WHILE FRENCH DID NOT NECESSARILY REJECT US VIEW THAT DATE FOR BEGINNING OF PAN AM SERVICE WOULD BE JULY 8 UNDER THIS CONCEPT, THEY BELIEVED DETAILED DISCUSSION WAS REQUIRED ON SUCH QUESTIONS AS HOW LONG ARBITRATION SHOULD TAKE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO PAN AM SERVICES IF ARBITRATION NOT CONCLUDED, FOR EXAMPLE, BY MID-SEPTEMBER. FRENCH THEREFORE PROPOSES THAT TALKS TAKE PLACE PARIS NEXT WEEK ON COMPROMIS AND ON TERMS OF "INTERIM SOLUTION", I.E., QUESTION OF PAN AM AND AIR FRANCE OPERATIONS.

2. ALTHOUGH FOREGOING RESPONSE IS LESS POSITIVE THAN WE

HAD HOPED, DEPT BELIEVES US SHOULD PROCEED WITH TALKS NEXT WEEK. USDEL WILL ARRIVE PARIS TW 890 ON JUNE 28 AND PROPOSES, AFTER REST AT HOTEL AND MIDDAY MEETING WITH EMBASSY, TO MEET WITH FRENCH IN AFTERNOON AND ON JUNE 29 IF

NECESSARY. PLEASE RESERVE SINGLES FOR FOUR FOR EARLY MORNING JUNE 28 THROUGH NIGHT JUNE 29. LEE MARKS (L) WILL LEAD DELEGATION WHICH WILL INCLUDE TWO CAB AND ONE DOT OFFICIAL. IF NAMES NECESSARY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS, USE SCHWARTZKOPH AND LARGAY (CAB)AND KUTZKE (DOT). MARKS DESIRES DISILY OR OTHER LEFT BANK HOTEL. VANCE

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